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JUILLIARD TO PERFORM FINAL SEASONAL CONCERTS

The Juilliard String Quartet will perform in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 19 and 20, and for their final concert of the 1978-79 season on Friday, April 27. All of the concerts, sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation, will begin at 8 p.m. Members of the Quartet—Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violins; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Joel Krosnick, violoncello—will use Stradivari instruments presented to the Library by Mrs. Whittall in 1935-36.

The program for the April 19 and 20 concerts will include the Quartet in D major, Op. 71, No. 2 by Joseph Haydn; two sets of variations upon operatic themes of Mozart, composed for violin and violoncello by Bernhard Romberg; and the String Quartet No. 1 in D minor, Op. 7 by Arnold Schoenberg.

Bernhard Romberg (1767-1841) was a German composer and cellist who, during the course of his career, played in the court orchestra at Bonn, taught at the Paris Conservatory, was Kapellmeister at the Berlin court, lived in Vienna, and performed in Russia and England. His musical output includes a cello study method and many works for that instrument. Other compositions include several operas.

Of special note for the final concert on April 27, the programs will include a performance of the Duo for violin and viola, composed in 1945 by Robert Mann, first violinist and founder of the Juilliard String Quartet. The other works on this program will be the Serenade for string trio by Ernst von Dohnányi and the Quartet in A minor, Op. 132 by Ludwig van Beethoven. The same program will be presented on Thursday evening, April 26, to guests of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation.

Tickets for the concerts on April 19 and 20 will be distributed by Patrick Hayes at 1300 G St. N.W. (Campbell's) beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 16. Tickets for the concert on April 27 will become available Monday, April 23, at the same time and location. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert on Friday evening, April 20, will be broadcast at a later date by radio station WETA-FM. The concert of Friday evening, April 27, will be broadcast live by WETA-FM. Both broadcasts will be made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

SOVIET-AMERICAN LIBRARY SEMINAR PLANNED FOR MAY 4-6

"Library Service for an Informed Society: Planning for Library Service, Library Education, Library Statistics, and Information Needs and Uses in the Soviet Union" is the topic of the first of a series of seminars designed to increase the exchange of ideas between Soviet and American librarians on current library developments and problems. The seminar is cosponsored by the American Library Association, the Library of Congress, and the International Communication Agency.

The seminar will be held Friday, May 4, through Sunday morning, May 6, in the Loy Henderson Conference Room, U.S. Department of State. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin will address the opening session, and a reception for participants and registered observers will be held in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress on Friday evening.

Soviet participants include V. V. Serov, head, Library Directorate, Ministry of Culture of the U.S.S.R.; E. A. Fenelonov, head, Computer Center, Ministry of Culture, Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic; I. P. Osipova, head, Research Department, Lenin State Library; I. K. Kirpicheva, head, Library Science Department, Saltykov-Schedrin State Public Library; N. S. Kobzarenko, director of the State Republican Library for Children of the Ukraine; and K. I. Abramov, dean of the library and faculty head of the Department of Library Science, Moscow State Institute of Culture. After the Soviet librarians present their papers, American participants will respond. English translations of the papers will be distributed to registrants on the first day of the seminar, and simultaneous translation will be provided.

There is no charge for attendance, but only 200 observers can be accommodated. Observers must register to receive a special identification badge in advance. To register, please send your name, position, address, and telephone number to Jane Wilson, ALA International Relations Officer, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611, by April 27. (Library of Congress staff members who wish to attend the seminar should call Dorothy Pollet, Educational Liaison Officer, ext. 5220.)

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NOTED ARGENTINE AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT LC

Leading Argentine writer Victoria Pueyrredón will give a lecture on "The Short Story as Process: Its Structure and Development" at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, in the Library's Wilson Room. Following the lecture an informal reception will be held through the courtesy of the Embassy of Argentina. No tickets are required for the program, which is sponsored by the Library's Hispanic Division in cooperation with the Embassy of Argentina and the Centro Argentino de Washington. The lecture will be in Spanish and will include a tape presentation.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Miss Pueyrredón

is a professor of Hispanic literature at the University of Buenos Aires. She also writes for the leading newspapers *La Nación, La Prensa,* and *El País* and is a frequent radio and television lecturer.

In addition to being a board member of the P.E.N. Club's Argentine chapter, she belongs to the Argentine Society of Writers from which she received a special award in 1977. She has published several books of poetry, including *Sentiments* (1940), written in French, *Coplas para ti* (1942, 1969), and *Poemas de soledad* (1967, 1968, 1975). She has also published collections of short stories, including *Destinos* (1972) and *Acabo de morir* (1976), and in collaboration with Pablo Neruda a book on the career of Manuel Alejandro Pueyrredón.

LC PLANS ROMANIZATION OF CATALOGING RECORDS

The Library of Congress officially plans to expand the scope of its romanized cataloging program by including many new alphabets. Among the languages that will henceforth be fully romanized as a result of this decision are Amharic, Armenian, Burmese, Georgian, Greek, Ottoman Turkish, and Thai. The decision is based on communications it has received from libraries and other interested organizations in response to last fall's request for comments on such a proposal (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for October 27, 1978 pp. 654-655).

The effect will be to advance the Library's goal of providing the broadest possible scope for its automated system, based on the firm conviction that adequate bibliographic control of information will become increasingly difficult if comprehensive machine-readable data files are not available. The inclusion of the above-mentioned languages in the Library's romanization plans follows recent decisions to provide fully romanized cataloging for the South Asian and Cyrillic language groups. As was emphasized when romanization of these languages was announced, the Library reiterates that it is still firmly committed to a long-range policy of inputting machine-readable bibliographic records in a combination of nonroman and roman characters, in line with the present manual approach.

The Library of Congress is undertaking those preliminary steps necessary to implement this decision to romanize new alphabets. Users may expect to see the first romanized records in the above-named languages in the not too distant future. It should be noted that although Burmese is one of these languages, no cataloging at the Library of Congress will actually take place pending the resolution of a problem with the romanized table.

The Library still does not intend to romanize its monographic records in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Based on the comments received concerning romanized cataloging of Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Yiddish materials, the Library will not include these languages in its romanization program either.

SECOND CONFERENCE HELD ON FOLK CULTURAL PROGRAMS

The Conference on State and Local Folk Cultural Programs held at the Library of Congress on March 23-24 was the second meeting of state folk cultural coordinators cosponsored by the American Folklife Center in the Library and the Folk Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts. Representatives from 16 states met to discuss folk cultural projects undertaken in the two years since the last meeting in March 1977 and to assess project strengths, weaknesses, and general applicability. The conference also provided a forum for coordinators new to the field to become better acquainted with their counterparts in other states, and for participants to discuss cooperation and Federal support with representatives of the American Folklife Center and National Endowment for the Arts.

Selected conference participants were invited to present detailed summaries of local, regional, and state-wide projects in which they were involved. Projects included education programs designed to incorporate folk artists into school systems, documentation projects using video and audio tape recording and photography to record traditional culture, folk festivals, and service projects such as the production of informational publications and surveys of folklife activities.

Discussion following the presentations centered on project details and moved on to broader issues of interest to folklorists; among these were the generation of community awareness of folk cultural activities and concerns and the promotion of sensitivity to and support of folk cultural interests within state political organizations. The role of a state program coordinator as mediator between the academic community and the public sector was also considered.

Bess Lomax Hawes, director of the Folk Arts Program, National Endowment for the Arts, and Alan

Jabbour, director of the American Folklife Center, agreed that the projects discussed reflected a wide variety of approaches tailored to fit particular circumstances and felt this diversity to be an indication of strength in state folk cultural program development.

Representatives attending the conference were Jane Beck, Vermont; Peggy Bulger, Florida; Charles Camp, Maryland; Hal Cannon, Utah; Susan Eleuterio, Illinois; Joe Graham, Texas; Jim Griffith, Arizona; George Holt, North Carolina; Lynne Ireland, Nebraska; Susan Jones, Oregon; Tim Lloyd, Ohio; Worth Long, Mississippi; Bill McNeil, Arkansas; Bill Moore, Minnesota; Nick Spitzer, Louisiana; Beverly Stoeltje, Texas; and Hank Willett, Alabama. Bess Lomax Hawes and Sally Yerkovich of the Folk Arts Program of the National Endowment attended, as well as Linda Buki representing the Endowment's Artists-in-Schools Program. The Folklife Center was represented by Alan Jabbour and members of the staff.

The American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress engages in the preservation, presentation, and dissemination of American folk cultural traditions. Established in 1976, the center contributes to the cultural planning and programming of the Library, the Federal Government, and the nation.

C&P TELEPHONE CENTREX II TO BECOME OPERATIONAL MAY 25
Prefix to Change from 426- to 287-

The Library of Congress telephone system will be upgraded to the Centrex II electronic switching system effective 6 p.m. e.d.t., May 25. The system is designed to improve service to Library staff and users. Among features which will become available are:

(1) Dial transfer–Individuals may transfer their own calls without the assistance of a telephone operator;

(2) Consultation hold–Individuals can put the caller on hold, and using the same line, can call another party to consult; and

(3) Three-way calling–Individuals can confer with two other parties using a single telephone line.

Before the changeover, the C&P Telephone Co. will hold instructional sessions in the Coolidge Auditorium for Library of Congress and Thomas Jefferson Building personnel. Instruction sessions will be held at the Navy Yard, Massachusetts Avenue, and Taylor Street Annexes for those staff who will be affected.

Staff members on the Library's current system will retain their four-digit extensions. There will, however, be a change of the Library of Congress prefix from 426 to 287, and, beginning May 26, internal calls will require dialing five digits–dialing "7" plus the existing extension. C&P telephone installers will be making the required modifications to wiring closets, panels, and telephones during the next two months. As much of this work as possible will be performed after regular working hours and on weekends.

CONCISE EDITION OF AACR 2 PLANNED

The joint steering committee for revision of *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (JSCAACR), responsible for the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2), concluded its work on publication of AACR 2 last December. JSCAACR was reconstituted this year and held its first meeting March 15-16 in Tallahassee, Fla. The members are Michael Gorman and Paul W. Winkler, editors of AACR 2, Peter Lewis (representing the [British] Library Association), Joel Downing (representing the British Library), Ronald Hagler (representing the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing), Frances Hinton (representing the American Library Association), and Ben R. Tucker (representing the Library of Congress). The secretary is Michael Yelland (development secretary, the Library Association).

At the first meeting Peter Lewis was elected chair of the reconstituted JSCAACR. The principal item of business was a concise version of AACR 2 being drafted by Michael Gorman. This version is intended for anyone not requiring the full text of AACR 2 who could nonetheless benefit from a concise version of these rules.

NLS/BPH PUBLICATIONS WIN AWARDS

Three 1978 publications of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped have won awards in annual technical art and publications competition sponsored by the Society for Technical Communication (STC).

An Introduction to Braille Mathematics received a top award of excellence and will be entered automatically in the STC International Publications Competition and the International Technical Art Exhibit on May 16-19 in Los Angeles, Calif. The braille math book is the only instructional manual on this subject. It describes and teaches how to transcribe technical,

scientific, and mathematical material into braille, which utilizes a special set of complex rules and symbols.

Magazines 1978, a bibliography of selected periodicals in braille, moon type, disc, cassette, large-type, and open-reel editions, received an award for merit. *Talking Book Topics*, a bimonthly magazine that lists current disc and cassette books available to blind and physically handicapped readers, was cited for achievement.

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ONGOING PUBLICATIONS

Children's Books 1978. ISSN 0069-3464. (19 p.) For sale for $1 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030-001-00087-7).

FLC Newsletter. ISSN 0014-5939. No. 109. January 1979. (8 p.) Free upon request from the Federal Library Committee, Library of Congress, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 70, No. 2. February 1979. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.50 for single monthly issues, except June and December for $2.45, or $21.90 a year, domestic, and $27.40, foreign (LC 30.9:70/2).

Update. ISSN 0160-9203. Vol. 2, No. 4. March-April 1979. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 2010-4, Amend. 3 (February 26), referred to the revised form to be used for applying for posted vacancies and reflected the current organization titles; the following Regulations in the 213 series have been revised to change the name of the Processing Department to Processing Services and other titles as appropriate (February 27): Nos. 213-2, page 1; 213-4; 213-5; page 1; 213-6; 213-7; 213-9; 213-11; 213-14, page 1; 213-16; 213-17; 213-18; No. 2010-18 (March 21) states the Library's policy and procedures concerning time in-grade requirements for appointments and promotions; No. 2017-2 (March 26) was revised to provide a performance rating plan issued under The Librarian's authority to make rules and regulations for the Library, since it is no longer under 5 U.S.C., Chapter 43; No. 2023-3, page 3 (March 28), was amended to change the title Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian for National Programs; No. 2024-6 (March 29) clarified statements concerning the Library's policies and procedures concerning personnel security investigations and to amend the title to Personnel Security Investigations.

Special Announcements: No. 79-5 (February 26) notified staff members that the Federal Employee's Health Benefits law and the Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance law changed the 12-year length-of-service requirement for continuation into retirement to five years; No. 79-6 (March 12) announced the temporary promotion of Paul T. Heffron as chief of the Manuscript Division, Research Services; No. 79-7 (March 13) announced the increase for semiannual cost-of-living adjustments in annuity; No. 79-8 (March 27) gave instructions on the unannounced fire drills to be held in the Library of Congress Building and the Thomas Jefferson Building during April; No. 79-9 (March 28) listed available services for staff members with handicapping conditions.

Press Releases: No. 79-17 (February 1) Bookbinding Specialist Anthony Hobson to Speak at Library of Congress on March 5; No. 79-18 (February 8) Library of Congress Concert to Offer Premieres by Reynolds and Hosley; No. 79-19 (February 12) Turkish Politics and Government Subject of New Bibliography from Library of Congress; No. 79-20 (February 14) Elaine Moss, Barbara Rollock to Speak on Children's Literature: Events Mark Observance of UNESCO International Year of the Child; No. 79-21 (February 16) American Folklife Center Schedules Media Workshops; No. 79-22 (March 6) Irish Poet to Read at Library of Congress; No. 79-23 (March 12) Peggy Cowles to Appear in Dramatic Performance at the Library of Congress; No. 79-24 (March 8) New Chronology Offers History of Library of Congress; No. 79-25 (March 9) Former Assistant Librarian of Congress Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Dies; No. 79-26 (March 9) White House News Photographers Association Photo Exhibition Opens at Library of Congress; No. 79-27 (March 13) Library of Congress Announces Gift from Folk Musician Michael Cooney: Gift to Serve as Nucleus of New Friends of the Folk Archive Gift Fund; No. 79-28 (March 15) New Publication Describes Library of Congress Role in Networking; No. 79-29 (March 20) Library of Congress Publishes Facsimile of Brahms' Violin Concerto; No. 79-30 (March 23) New Bibliography from Library of Congress Offers List of Chinese Serials; No. 79-31 (March 23) Library of Congress Issues New Edition of *Children & Poetry*; No. 79-32 (March 23) Press Advisory; No. 79-33 (March 27) Noted Latin American Musicologist to Speak at the Library of Congress; No. 79-34 (March 29) Joint Project Launched to Build Data Base of U.S. MARC Data Elements; No. 79-35 (March 30) LC

Slavic Cyrillic Union Catalog to Be Published In Microfiche.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

AHA Meeting Reported

The 93rd annual meeting of the **American Historical Association** (AHA) was held in San Francisco, Calif., December 28-30, attended by some 3,000 historians. Comparative history was a major theme at the first day's sessions. Specific topics included the definition of comparative history, a comparison of the political philosophies of Walter Lippmann and Raymond Aron, and psychohistory and psychobiography in the ancient and modern worlds.

Panelists on succeeding days examined such subjects of contemporary interest as the Federal historian, alternative careers for historians, teaching the holocaust, history and the general education program, the film and historical scholarship, and teaching history with videotape. In a panel on the copyright law of 1976, Leon Seltzer, Stanford University Press, James Smith of the Winterthur Museum, and Paul Heffron of the Library's Manuscript Division discussed some of the implications of the new law for historians and authors.

Of interest to both historians and librarians was an organizing meeting of the Association for the Bibliography of History. Historical bibliography and the relationship of library resources and methodologies to history will be the main concern of the Association. Arnold Price of the Library's European Division, was elected its first president.

The presidential address of the AHA was delivered by William J. Bouwsma, University of California, Berkeley. The president-elect is John Hope Franklin, University of Chicago. [*Paul T. Heffron*]

Representatives of Specialized Library Associations Gather

On Saturday, January 6, a meeting of **representatives of certain specialized library associations** was held at the George Washington University Medical Center, with Nina Matheson, medical librarian of the center, serving as hostess. Those present represented the American Association of Law Libraries (Phyllis Marion), Art Library Society/North America (Nancy John), Association for Recorded Sound Collections (Charles Simpson), Catholic Library Association (Kelly Fitzpatrick), Medical Library Association (James E. Raper, Jr.), Music Library Association (Donald Seibert), Special Library Association (James L. Olsen, Jr.), Society of American Archivists (Edmund Berkeley, Jr.), Library of Congress (Ben R. Tucker), and Council of National Library and Information Associations (Theodore Wiener and John T. Corrigan). The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the role of library associations other than ALA in ongoing and future programs for catalog code revision. After discussing and sometimes regretting the role played by the specialized library associations in the revision of AACR 1, the representatives considered various ways in which they could define, promote, and defend their interests throughout any contemplated rule revisions conducted under the aegis of the Cataloging and Classification Section (CCS) of the ALA Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD).

For the afternoon session, the group was joined by Frances Hinton, chair of RTSD CCS, and Elizabeth Tate, chair of the RTSD CCS Committee on Functions and Structure of the Descriptive Cataloging Committee.

The group emphasized its appreciation for the role accorded non-ALA organizations in the ALA plans, but expressed the hope that these plans will not be finally decided in all details until the matter can be more fully investigated. To this end the group decided to ask the Council of National Library and Information Associations to establish an ad hoc committee to study the question and identify the most effective mechanism for focusing the subject expertise of the specialized library associations on future catalog code maintenence and rule-writing processes. The group expressed the hope that the ad hoc committee could complete its assigned tasks within six months of its formation, and that ALA could be persuaded to give a hearing to the ad hoc committee's recommendations.

The group also agreed on the desirability of closer contacts with sister organizations in Canada and the United Kingdom, with the possibility of even organizing on an international basis a common contribution to rule revision processes where appropriate.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Donald Seibert, E. S. Bird Library, Syracuse University, 222 Waverly Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

[*Ben R. Tucker*]

DCLA Interest Groups Convene

On Monday, March 26, the two interest groups of the **District of Columbia Library Association** concerned with technical services and with government

documents met jointly at the Rayburn House Office Building. Sue Ellen Sloca, U.S. Department of the Interior, spoke on the ALA/GODORT Documents Cataloging Manual Committee; Ben Tucker, Library of Congress, discussed rule interpretation at the Library; and Stuart Greenberg, Government Printing Office Library, described the cooperative efforts of GPO and the Library of Congress. [*Ben R. Tucker*]

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

A joint spring workshop organized on the theme **Contracts and Consulting from Dust Jackets to Systems Design** will be held at the Stouffers National Motor Hotel, in Crystal City, Arlington, Va., from 1 to 5 p.m. April 28.

The workshop will consist of two panels and a luncheon speaker. The first panel is entitled "When and How to Contract." The luncheon speaker will be Mel Day, director of the National Technical Information Service, addressing the topic "Impacts of Contracting." An afternoon panel will discuss "Case Studies."

Further information is available from Sheryl Segal, tel. (202) 332-7783.

The College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, is planning the 13th annual **Library Administrators Development Program** to be held May 6-18 at the university's Donaldson Brown Center, Port Deposit, Md.

Seminar sessions will concentrate on the principal administrative issues which senior managers encounter. Leadership, motivation, communication, personnel policy, decision-making, problem solving, financial planning and control, performance appraisal, the impact of technology, and the planning of change are among the issues considered in lecture, case analysis, group discussion, and seminar.

For further information, contact Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 20742.

The **Canadian Association for Information Science** (CAIS) will hold its seventh annual conference from May 12-15 at the Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta, Canada.

The theme of the conference is "Sharing Resources, Sharing Costs." Three to four hundred information specialists (computer scientists, librarians, documentalists, and so on) will gather to share experiences and present ideas on dealing with budget restraints and expanding needs.

For further information, contact Ronald F. Peters, Publicity and Publications, Environmental Design Unit, University of Calgary Library, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, or call (403) 284-6828.

The seventh annual **Summer Institute on Federal Library Resources** will be held at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., on August 6-17. Frank Kurt Cylke, the academic director, has announced that the carefully planned curriculum will identify the role of the Federal libraries, information centers, and data banks in the Federal library community; discuss the implication of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science's posture as related to Federal libraries; identify resources, publications, and specialized services provided by Federal libraries; and identify resources available through major government clearinghouses, such as NTIS, ERIC, and DDC. Other goals of the institute are to compare the in-operation or the in-process development of the major Federal library and information services, to discuss the implications for libraries of the existing satellite technology, and to identify and articulate the functions performed by the Federal Library Committee.

Information regarding the institute may be obtained from Director of Continuing Education, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karl Kammel, formerly deputy librarian of the Oesterreichische Nationalbibliothek, has been named Generaldirektor of that institution, following the retirement of Rudolf Fiedler.

Dr. Kammel was born in Vienna in 1914. He attended the university there, pursuing studies in geography, history, and meteorology, and earned the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1937. His library training was in the national library, where he successfully passed the professional examination in 1945. He became chief of cataloging in 1947.

Dr. Kammel has been the national library's principal liaison with the Library of Congress Shared Cataloging Program. When the Library's NPAC office was established in Vienna in 1966, Dr. Kammel's support was unstinting and invaluable. He has continued to cooperate closely in the office's work, bringing to bear on its operations an exceptional knowledge of both American and Austrian bibliographic practice. Dr. Kammel's administrative capabilities and warm human qualities have made him greatly respected by

his colleagues and beloved by his staff.

[*Ben R. Tucker*]

Clovernook Home and School for the Blind is now administering the **Multistate Center for the Midlands** (MSCM), a major materials-support center for the Library of Congress braille and talking-book program. MSCM is located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As directed by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH) of the Library of Congress, MSCM receives, stores, duplicates, and distributes braille and talking books, materials produced by volunteers for NLS, talking-book machines, cassette players, headphones, and other accessories. It maintains and circulates special collections including back issues of magazines as well as braille books in limited supply.

Nationally, NLS administers the Library of Congress free reading program for blind and physically handicapped persons through 160 regional and subregional libraries. The Multistate Center for the Midlands, formerly located in Illinois, serves libraries in 11 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin. Three other regional centers serve libraries in the North, South, and West.

Michael J. Sweeney, a librarian who previously ran a subregional library for blind and physically handicapped readers in Miami, Fla., directs the center for Clovernook. "More than 60,000 blind and handicapped individuals using the services of libraries in the midlands will benefit from establishment of MSCM in Cincinnati," he says. Clovernook's one-year contract with the Library of Congress is effective until December 18.

The **Research Libraries Group** (RLG), Stanford, Calif., has been awarded major grants totalling $1 million from two national foundations to support the development of a national network of research libraries.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, also of New York, have notified RLG of board approval of $500,000 grants to fund the design and implementation of a computerized bibliographic utility that will support the cooperative programs of a national network of research institutions.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Scientific American, Inc. has published the **Cumulative Index 1948-1978** (ISBN 0-89454-002-5), covering 362 monthly issues of the journal starting with May 1948 (the first under the magazine's present editorial direction) through June of last year. The 565-page index includes particularly an "Index to Topics," a rotated key-word index that takes the searcher below the level of author and title. The index is available for $45 plus $2.50 shipping (California, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio residents should add sales tax) from Scientific American, Inc., 415 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 35947, New York, N.Y. 10017.

ISBD(M)—International Standard Bibliographic Description (Monographs)—first standard edition revised, was published last December. The price is $12 (U.S.) and copies can be obtained from the Canadian Library Association, 151 Sparks St., Ottawa, Canada K1P 5E3. This edition is an editorial revision designed to bring it into line with the provisions of the generalized version—ISBD(G).

"United States of America National Bibliographical and Abstracting Services and Related Activities in 1977," compiled by Mary Jane Gibson, Bibliography Section, General Reading Rooms Division, Library of Congress, appeared recently in the Winter 1978 issue of *RQ*, the official quarterly journal of the Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association. The survey continues the series begun in 1961 by Helen D. Jones at the request of the then Reference Services Division. It represents an expansion of a report for 1977 submitted to UNESCO in response to an annual questionnaire. Among the subjects discussed are national institutions and interlibrary cooperation. Selected titles are included for such diverse topics as official publications, lists of periodicals, films, recordings, area studies, theses and dissertations, indexes and abstracts of periodicals, and minority groups.

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